The Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) is a sub-scheme under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. SVEP aims to build an ecosystem that creates nurtures and sustains rural entrepreneurs and thus brings the rural poor out of poverty.

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“Wishing you all a happy and a prosperous New Year from the secretariat!”

2019 is here with the promise of hope and expectations that the new year will yield desired result of the hard work and effort put in the year gone by. January always starts on a positive note when mind is brimming with fresh ideas about innovations and initiatives. Everyone is enthusiastic about making the year different. Will 2019 for SVEP be different? Definitely, yes.

NRO EDII foresees 2019 as bringing great tidings on entrepreneurship and innovative enterprises getting aligned with this program. More entrepreneurs will see the benefits of the program and understand its importance once being involved with it. To involve more people with the project, CRP-EP will visit villages and will share their experiences of the project and the journey in the past two years with the community people.

In this issue, we have put together the past month’s progress and interesting success stories to take you through the project’s journey.

Mizoram SRLM visited EDII SVEP Block to adopt implementation model

EDII has developed innovative and community-friendly practices for SVEP implementation, and to adopt the same Mizoram SRLM had visited Dinhata1 Block in West Bengal. The team learnt about the project and its implementation. They handed over a cheque of ₹25,000 to the BRC members as a token of appreciation.

SVEP Entrepreneur received National Entrepreneurship Award-2018

Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India had announced National Entrepreneurship Award-2018 for innovative entrepreneurs. Mr. Utpal Das, SVEP entrepreneur from Patharpratima, West Bengal was awarded in Special Category Awards (SC/ST) for his services in e-governance. A cheque of ₹5 lakh was awarded to him by Shree Suresh Prabhu, Hon. Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Government of India.
A state-level workshop for BRC members was organized from 26-28 December, 2018 at IGICM, Lucknow, UP, wherein 30 participants of five SVEP blocks were trained.

The concept of the training was RoTI (Return on Time Invested). EDII team initiated this concept, under which issues and challenges were discussed with mentors, state anchor and officials of UPSRLM. Along with it, improvisation on implementation strategies was also formulated.
Life rediscovered in Eturnagaram of Telangana

She has been a housewife for years and never in her dreams had she imagined being an entrepreneur. The story of G.Kavitha (Kamalapur village, Eturnagaram block, Telangana), could not pursue her education due to poverty and was bound by unfortunate circumstances to take the path of self-employment.

G.Kavitha’s husband was the only earning member of the family and sometimes it was difficult to even make the ends meet. Kavitha was looking for an opportunity to start a business to support her family. She decided to take up the SVEP entrepreneurship in July 2018. She found the scope of livelihood enhancement through the programme and its features based on the information that she had received from her SHG (Vijayadarshini) & VO (Sri Sai Karuna).

Later, she approached CRP-EP of her village and the mentor for initiating the process for preparation and submission of business plan. She was very confident about her business idea as it was based on her skill. BRC approved her business plan and sanctioned the loan amount of ₹30,000. She bought the latest model of jute bag-making machine with the money. Her perseverance with skilled technique reveals her focused approach to establishing a successful business. Her monthly turnover increased to ₹44,800 within first few months of starting her business. Her business initiatives have created opportunities and employment for others in the vicinity. She has 2 people working under her who earns approximately ₹2,400 per month based on their work.

Today, G.Kavitha leads a prosperous life with her family. Being a successful entrepreneur, she stands as a source of inspiration for all those women in her village, who are unaware of their own capabilities. She is a true example of an SVEP Entrepreneur who is not only earning profit for her life but also added value to her surroundings.

“Training under SVEP was a learning experience, which taught me technical aspects of the subject along with the business skills. It added value to the tailoring skill that I already had.”

-G.Kavitha, Entrepreneur, Kavita Tailoring, Kamalapur, Eturnagaram, Telangana
On a small island, in the Patharpratima block of the South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, in the Sundarbans delta, fishing is the main livelihood of local people. Mr. Utpal Das, 38 years of age, is a fisherman, who used to find work for only 6 months in a year and earned a meagre amount of ₹ 30,000 in a season. He found it very hard to make ends meets. Like most people living in abject poverty, he found himself pulled down towards desperation and alcoholism.

His wife was Smt. Aparna Das, a member of an SHG – Mrinmoyee, (Agnishikha upasangha) since 2007. In 2017, she introduced her husband to resource persons of the SVEP project -- an introduction which was no less than a miracle to the Das family. Determined to improve his lifestyle, Mr. Utpal Das accepted the help of the SVEP team and the CRP-EP. After undertaking trainings, and other support, he accepted a credit of ₹ 50,000, a liability which he completely repaid during the last month (December 2018). Mr. Das started his own Computer Service Centre (CSC) booth / kiosk / shop to provide e-governance support to the neighborhood population. Since then he has been earning about ₹10,500 per month and has been able to employ two staff.

He has also purchased a printer, a laptop and a card swiping machine with the surplus amount. His CSC now provides a variety of services such as PAN card enrolment and correction, Aadhar card enrolment and correction, agriculture-based insurances, and other web-based support to the community.

His venture Utpal e-governance business has been recognized by Govt. of India. He has been awarded at National Entrepreneurship Award-2018. Mr. Das wants to scale up his business and generate employment in his home island.

“If you had asked me about my dreams while I was growing up, I wouldn’t have been able to reply. SVEP has come to me as a savior and helped me to survive. I am thankful to SVEP for creating an opportunity as an entrepreneur and serve the community as well as government through my enterprise.”

-Mr. Utpal Das, Entrepreneur, Computer (Common) Service Centre, Patharpratima, West Bengal
Field Highlights

**Punjab**
- Orientation on SVEP to Young Professionals of Punjab State Rural Livelihood Mission.

**Gujarat**
- Workshops on Udyog Aadhar were conducted for CBOs, BRC, CRP-EPs and other block level stakeholders of the project.

**Haryana**
- Enterprise promotion activities initiated in two new blocks; more than 500 Entrepreneurs identified and being brought in the fold of SVEP.

**Madhya Pradesh**
- Community cadre under SVEP is selected and trained to undertake Social audit of 46 Janpad Panchayats of Samnapur Block.

**Uttar Pradesh**
- More than 600 SVEP enterprises registered for Udyog Aadhar, an initiative of Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India.

**Telangana**
- Business Management training of more than 300 SVEP is completed in Bijinapally and Eturnagaram block of State.

**Chhattisgarh**
- Organized Block level workshops with Bankers, LDM and NABARD team to facilitate linkages with SVEP Entrepreneurs.

**Odisha**
- SVEP training of Block Resource Committee, Community Based Organizations and Community Resource Persons is completed in all the new blocks of the State.

**Jharkhand**
- Refresher training of community cadre on Day book keeping and performance tracking of SVEP enterprises.

**West Bengal**
- Community Resource Persons’ selection and their training being undertaken in 5 new blocks of the State.

**Jammu & Kashmir**
- Facilitated credit linkages of 35 SVEP entrepreneurs, loan of ₹ 21.10 Lacs disbursed.
Enterprise Facts

Film Reel from the Field

Upcoming Events

- Advanced level training for CBO members in four blocks of Chhattisgarh
- Training of Mentors on conducting Baseline & Market Potential Study using SVEP software at EDII campus
- Physical verification of enterprises supported in the last quarter
- MDP/Orientation on SVEP for BPMs / Government Officials from Blocks where SVEP is to be initiated

Entrepreneur Mind Jumble

Five Factors in Business

Credit: Jagdishchandra Patel

SVEP orientation- Self Help Groups & Members of Community Based Organizations, Sunam, Punjab

Action Plan: M.P. Management 4 Belter
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